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SUBJECT: GERMANPROPOSAL ON PARIS MEETING ON AFRICAN
FORCES IN SHABA

REF: BONN 15733

1. FRG EMBASSY COUNSELOR DIETER KASTRUP PHONED DEPARTMENT LATE AFTERNOON AUGUST 29 ON INSTRUCTIONS TO REPORT HIS GOVERNMENT'S QUOTE STRONG RESERVATIONS AND STRONG DOUBTS ABOUT THE ADVISABILITY OF HOLDING THE PARIS MEETING. UNQUOTE. HIS PRESENTATION WAS LARGELY ALONG THE LINES OF THAT REPORTED IN BONN 15733. KASTRUP RECALLED THAT THE FIRST PARIS MEETING ON JUNE 5 CONCERNING SECURITY IN SHABA HAD DRAWN CRITICISM FROM AFRICANS INCLUDING CHARGES OF QUOTE NEO-COLONIAL ATTITUDES UNQUOTE. FRG EXPECTED SIMILAR CRITICISMS TO ARISE FROM THE SECOND PARIS MEETING AND IT DID NOT BELIEVE THAT MEETING COULD BE KEPT SECRET.

2. THE FRG THEREFORE WISHED TO KNOW IF USG DID NOT PERHAPS THINK IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE AFRICAN TROOPS IN SHABA WITH THE QUAI AFRICA DIRECTOR GEORGY THROUGH OUR FOUR EMBASSIES IN PARIS. THIS WOULD HAVE THE VIRTUE OF BEING LOW-KEY AND UNLIKELY

TO INVITE PUBLIC ATTENTION. KASTRUP SAID THAT THE FRG WAS POSING THE SAME QUESTION AT THE QUAI AND IN BRUSSELS AND LONDON.

3. KASTRUP ASKED TO HAVE AT LEAST A PRELIMINARY INDICATION OF OUR VIEWS ON THE FRG PROPOSAL IN THE COURSE OF AUGUST 30. COMMENT: HIS DESIRE FOR AN URGENT RESPONSE
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MAY BE RELATED TO REPORT IN REFTEL THAT GENSCHER IS EXPECTED TO ACT ON FOREIGN OFFICE WORKING LEVEL RECOMMENDATIONS ON THAT DATE. END COMMENT.

4. WE HAVE INFORMED THE FRG EMBASSY AUGUST 30 THAT WE ARE STILL PREPARED TO MEET IN PARIS AT THE LEVEL WE HAD ORIGINALLY AGREED TO. ALTERNATIVELY, WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO DISCUSSING THE AFRICAN FORCES IN SHABA AT THE OCTOBER BRUSSELS MEETING. THIS WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE A MORE ELABORATE AGENDA, HOWEVER, AND ZAIRE WILL BE REPRESENTED. HOWEVER, AS THE FRENCH ARE HOSTS TO THE MEETING WE DEFER TO THEM ANY DECISION ON THE FRG PROPOSALS.

5. WE TOO SHARE THE GERMANS' CONCERN THAT WORD OF THE MEETING MIGHT BE LEAKED AND WE HAVE THEREFORE SUGGESTED TO THE FRENCH THAT WE USE THE REMAINING TIME BEFORE SEPTEMBER 18 TO EXPLORE HOW THE AFRICANS MIGHT BEST BE BROUGHT INTO OUR DELIBERATIONS PRIOR TO THE MEETING. WE PLAN TO TAKE THE PUBLIC LINE -- WHICH IN FACT REPRESENTS OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE MEETING -- THAT THIS IS A NORMAL, LOGICAL FOLLOW-UP TO THE FIRST PARIS

MEETING. IT WILL BE ONE OF AN ONGOING SERIES OF MEETINGS WHICH GREW OUT OF THE IMMEDIATE KOLWEZI CRISIS AND DESIGNED TO REVIEW THE SITUATION IN ZAIRE IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. WE WILL ALSO BE MEETING AT BRUSSELS IN OCTOBER, AND AGAIN AT PARIS IN DECEMBER IN THE CONTEXT OF THE IBRD CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE.

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